SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

Methods and systems for automatically verifying a hardware design based on a hardware specification document are disclosed. A plurality of predefined elements ean be designed within a hardware specification document, wherein the hardware specification—document provides a hardware design for a hardware device. Hardware descriptions to be designed according to a hardware specification document are created. A document writer can follow a specified procedure including the use of register map tables, address map tables and register descriptions to create the hardware descriptions. The plurality of predefined elements can be stored within a database of hardware components, wherein each predefined element of the plurality of predefined elements is associated with a hardware component of the hardware device: Flags are embedded in the document which document is then saved for use by internal/external engineers. The used document, which has been saved as a text-only file, is read by a document parsing utility which creates a database of hardware components. Physical components of the hardware device can then be compared with elements maintained within the database upon an initial power-up of the hardware device. RTL auto-generation and software auto-generation modules can be used to ensure that the RTL hardware description complies with the hardware specification.

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